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Saturday won't be 'business as usual' at USAKA

Happy New Year, everyone, and welcome back to work. I told you in my last column that we would hit the ground running immediately after the holidays. I know you're with me, so let's do it!

The first thing we have to do this new year is get our act together in *safety*. We've learned some hard lessons in the past few months, which I will share with you today to prevent any of us learning the *really* hard lesson — a fatal injury.

Since last July, we have had fires in a trailer and a BQ room; troop construction and Reef BQ construction accidents; an incident at the Fuel Farm when an employee was accidentally doused with fuel; a radio frequency incident on Roi; a container dropped while being off-loaded from the barge; another barge taking out part of the Ebeye pier and their water barge; multiple bicycle accidents and many reports of small children not being safely secured on a bicycle or trailer; two vehicles involved in a head-on collision and a flight line vehicle physically ramming a parked aircraft.



The only good news here is that no one was killed.

There's an old adage in aviation circles, "There are very few true accidents. These are incidents where we failed to follow established procedures and the result is negligence."

That's the common thread for all of the potentially fatal incidents or accidents ... they all have established procedures that were not followed ... procedures that keep the workforce (and residents) safe from harm. I will tell you that ours is not a "zero defect" environment, but I do not intend to sit idle and let someone in the community get killed.

Starting tomorrow, we'll focus on the workplace ... but community awareness is not far behind, and both will be ongoing! Tomorrow is

Safety Stand-down. All site managers have been instructed to recap all of these incidents and accidents with their sections and teams. Even if these incidents happened in someone else's ballpark, everyone in the workforce needs to know about them and their potential for fatality.

After that overview, you'll take part in a focused look at your own worksites; a refresher of your own safety measures — anticipating and preventing accidents for yourself and your co-workers. I need each of you to take responsibility for your own safety as well as your co-worker, family members and neighbor. My name will probably be *dirt* by the time your day is over tomorrow, but if it saves a life, so be it.

I welcome your feedback on this. My commander's hotline is always open for suggestions and complaints, 51098. Or, you're welcome to write your suggestions, comments or complaints in a letter addressed to: Suggestion Box, Box 26 (Public Affairs), Kwajalein.

Hooah!



(Photo by Jack Martindale)

Kwaj enters millennium in style for second time

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

Kwajalein entered the third millennium Jan. 1, 2001 at 12:01 a.m. — once again.

Depending on which camp you belong in, the 21st century is already a year old and the Y2K bug was flushed down the toilet a long time ago. Those who like to be a little more technical about it say the new century begins in 2001, meaning it's only five days old.

Either way, Kwajalein rocked the new year once again, with a big blowout Armed Forces Entertainment show and a variety

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Damaged Goods' Crazy Jay Furtado turns the mike over to Vanessa Patterson during Monday's New Year's Day performance at Emon Beach.

Looking backwards and forwards clears the Vision

Seems like yesterday, looking back at old editions of the *Hourglass*.

Fifteen years ago, the MX, now Peacekeeper, missile became operational and the Space Defense Initiative, or "Star Wars" missile program, was in full debate in Washington.

As reported in the Dec. 30, 2000, edition of the *Washington Post*, Donald Rumsfeld, the nominee for the next secretary of Defense, "is a leading proponent not only of national missile defenses, but also of U.S. efforts to take control of outer space by developing technology to attack and defend satellites in orbit. Together, these initiatives could bring a dramatic militarization of space over the next two decades, a prospect that some defense experts have long urged and others have passionately condemned."

Who's going to test that stuff? Let's all, on the count of three, raise our hands and volunteer. In any case, it could affect life as we know it here on Kwajalein.

In 1986, Kwajalein received a holiday visit from the Soviet spyship *Prymorye*, which stood out to sea off our coast and watched anxiously as Kwajers decorated Christmas trees, sunned themselves on the beach and



dove great sites around the atoll.

They don't even send a card anymore.

On Jan. 1, 1987, the drinking age on Kwajalein rose to 21, along with Hawaii. A new program allowed island residents to host visitors. And the new recreation budget included lights for Brandon field, along with new power boats and sail boats, among other items.

"We were able to fund all the requests we received from the various groups and organizations who provided input to the 1987 budget," said CW2 Mike Boren, USAKA Rec Fund coordinator in the Dec. 29, 1986, *Hourglass*.

Boren is now coordinator to the Bill Gates recreation fund.

But nowhere in all these old, yellowed editions, however, do the Kwajers of 1986 predict where they would be in 15 years. Either they didn't know, care or want to say.

Well, we've laid it on the line with Vision 2015, which we'll outline more in an upcoming *Hourglass* article.

We've also created a column for the future editor of the *Hourglass*, who will be able to compare today's vision with the reality of 2015. Incidentally, that editor will be Mary Kate Olson of the Olson twins fame. She must first realize she has no entertainment career, go to college and work a few years in the news business, but it could happen for her.

More importantly, we have a roadmap of where we think we might be and, as the new mantra has become, "what 'right' looks like."

Among other things, we're planning to remote as much to the states as possible with today's technology. Think 15 years from now what we'll be able to send around the globe via some wireless doohickey (apologies to the engineers on the island).

Will we still be here on Kwajalein?

More than ever, we'll have to be. Sure the technology will remote a good deal. We'll be a leaner operation, but as they say in the infantry, no matter how much technology you develop, you've still got to have someone on the ground. That someone is us, or the Olson twins, God help us.

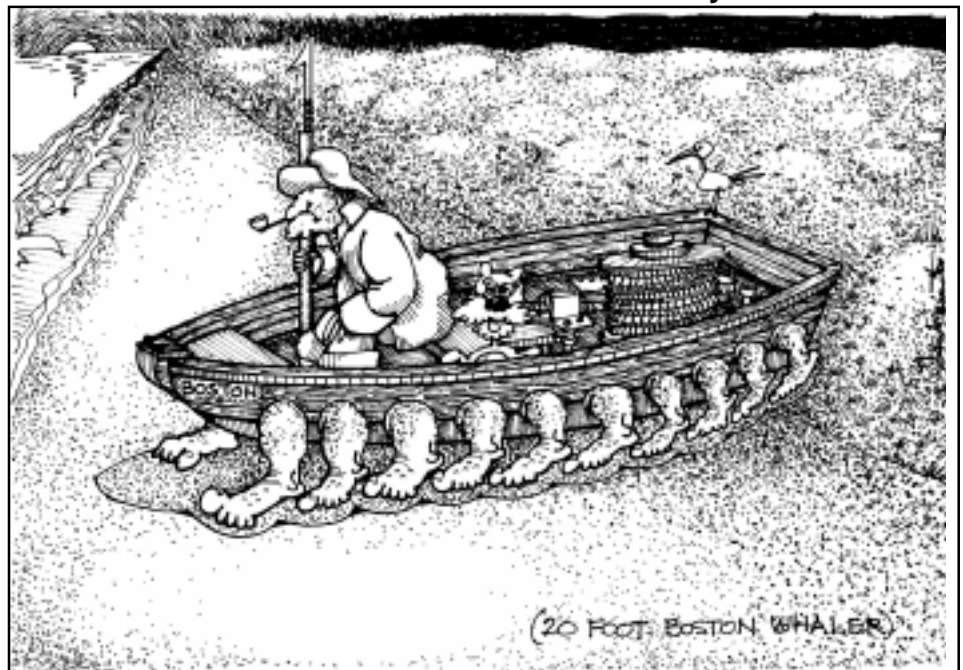
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Jest for Fun ————— By Ron Tsubamoto



Cholera cases slowing down

CDC doctors arriving Saturday

From staff reports

Reported cases of presumptive cholera on Ebeye have slowed to a trickle within recent days, according to Dr. Eric Lindborg, Kwajalein Hospital chief medical officer.

After peaks of about 20 cases per day, from Dec. 12-27, that "met case definitions for presumptive cholera [at] Ebeye Hospital, case presentations have been less than five per day in the last four days" as of Thursday.

"There is currently no patient hospitalized in either Ebeye or Kwajalein with cholera," said Lindborg, adding that there has been no documented case of a USAKA employee with cholera or presumptive cholera.

In related news, there has been a confirmed case of cholera at Lae Atoll, Lindborg said.

"Centers for Disease Control physician epidemiologists are scheduled to arrive this Saturday to review the outbreak," he said.

Over 1,000 USAKA badged employee residents of Ebeye have received the cholera vaccine as of Thursday.

Final vaccine clinic Wednesday

A final and last cholera vaccine clinic at Dock Security Checkpoint will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10, for all RMI badged workers, from 5:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Anyone wishing to obtain the oral vaccine should not eat or drink anything (including water) one hour before or after receiving the vaccine.

A person who is experiencing an active fever, diarrheal illness, is pregnant, breastfeeding or has received antibiotics within the last two days should not take the vaccine.

Questions? Call Bess Buchanan at 52224.



(Photo by Craig McCarraher)

Top: Crazy Jay Furtado of Damaged Goods greets residents during Monday's concert at Emon Beach.

Participants in the Kwajalein Running Club's New Year's Eve Midnight/Walk/Run event cross the finish line Sunday night at Emon Beach.



(Photo by Jan Paget)

New Year's filled with music, exercising ...

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of other events.

Damaged Goods played on Roi-Namur Saturday night before heading back down to Kwaj for a New Year's Eve concert Sunday at Gilligan's.

Despite an overcast, rainy beginning to 2001 on Monday, the band completed its trio of concert dates with an Emon Beach performance. The show included a guest performance by the Jine TipTip Club, which circled the island via truck,

singing songs for the community. A few young children also joined Damaged Goods for a reggae version of the Barney the Dinosaur song.

Emon Beach was also the start and finish for the annual Kwajalein Running Club New Year's Eve Midnight/Walk/Run event.

About 140 people participated in the 2-mile course. David Shattuck crossed the finish line closest to midnight, while Keith Brady was first in the children's category. A party followed with refreshments.

New
from the
Tape Escape



Air Bud: World Pup — Disney presents the second heartwarming and hilarious sequel to the popular family favorite, "Air Bud." Buddy masters two new starring roles, soccer player and fatherhood. The movie combines laughs and soccer action as buddy teams up alongside U.S. Women's soccer greats while keeping a protective eye over his adorable new family of soccer-playing puppies. *Rated G.*

Scary Movie — In this comedy spoof of popular horror movies, a group of teenagers are on the run from a maniacal killer who is looking for revenge after the kids accidentally kill a man following an auto accident. They also find themselves having to contend with an intrusive reporter and eccentric high school principal. As the victims pile up and the laughs pile on, none of your favorite scary movies escape this film's satire. Stars Marlon Wayans, Carmen Electra and Jon Abrahams. *Rated R.*

Shaft — Samuel L. Jackson is Shaft in this action-packed thriller. To stop a racist killer (Christian Bale), Shaft's got to track down the only eyewitness that can put him behind bars (Toni Colette). Armed with attitude and up against corrupt cops and venomous druglords, he's out to make crime pay up. *Rated R.*

Kom ruwainene

"Kom ruwainene" is the Marshallese way to say, "Welcome."

Joseph and Ann-Marie Luksic, along with daughters **Sandra**, 2, and **Sophia**, 9 months, arrived recently from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Joseph, who is with Boeing, has been on Kwaj TDY for six months of the past year.

He says, "It's very nice to bring my family this time."

KMR Open House

Monday, Jan. 8

Tours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bus transportation available

Reservations required

Call 55199

'No rhyme or reason' for Pohnpei carvings not to reach Kwaj, Roi

By Peter Rejcek

Associate Editor

Kwajalein resident Tony Correa was reluctant to pay several hundred dollars up front for various wood-carvings while visiting the Kapingamarangi Village in Pohnpei last February. But reassurances from the two carvers, who said they regularly supply handicrafts to the Micronesian Handicraft Shop, convinced him to part with the money.

Almost a year later, he and his wife, Alice, are still waiting for some of their purchases to arrive.

"There's no rhyme or reason," said Correa, explaining that many other residents have had mixed results in receiving their overseas purchases, as well. Correa said about 15 people have contacted him with similar stories since he started a campaign to get to the bottom of the matter.

"There's been a lady waiting for two years," he said, estimating that residents have about \$2,000 in outstanding goods.

"Most people don't care about the money. They want the carvings," Correa added.

Correa said he tried numerous times to contact the carver, who he said has stopped responding to inquiries. He has since taken his concerns to the members of the Mic Shop. Laura Leeper, a Mic Shop representative, sent a letter to the carver on behalf of Correa. Still, nothing happened.

Dianne Tarnstrom, president of the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club, said the Mic Shop board has offered to send a second letter, asking that the carver in question not use the Mic Shop's name in business matters.

"There's not much we can do," Tarnstrom said.

A representative of the Pohnpei Visitors Bureau, when contacted through e-mail by the *Hourglass*, said no complaints have been lodged against any carvers or businesses.

"We will conduct our investigations because this is the first time we have encountered such incidents. Be as-

sured that we will inform you of the outcome of our findings once we get concrete evidence," said Tevita Salato, Pohnpei Visitors Bureau general manager.

When contacted by phone, The Carving Spot owner Heyger Paul, one of several Pohnpeian suppliers for the Mic Shop, said he has two or three orders awaiting shipment to Kwajalein customers, including a couple of 44-inch sharks. He explained it takes about a month after an order is placed before it's shipped, as the wood must dry properly or the piece could rot.

"They're really nice and really dry," Paul said of the pieces.

Correa said the situation may simply be a matter of miscommunication between cultures. He hypothesized that the carvings may have even been sent with the regular Mic Shop shipments, but may not have been properly addressed to the recipients.

"The guys are getting paid twice for the same item," he said, warning that the public needs to adopt a "buyer beware" attitude.

"We take things for granted," Correa admitted.

Paul said he always sends his orders separately from the Mic Shop shipment. He said in a previous interview that he sends several large boxes throughout the year to the Mic Shop.

Maj. William McQuade, Command Judge Advocate, said his office is available to give general legal advice to non-government residents on this and similar matters.

"If it's a government employee or military retiree, we could draft a letter on his behalf to the vendor," he added. "The difference in how involved the USAKA Legal Office can get is due to Army regulations that limit the degree of legal assistance that can be provided to contractor personnel.

"The Legal Office will also assist in referring Kwajalein residents to private attorneys in Majuro or the U.S. if they require assistance beyond that which [we] can provide."



Rumsfeld proponent of NMD, space assets

(The Washington Post, Dec. 30, 2000) Donald Rumsfeld, President-elect George W. Bush's nominee for secretary of defense, is a leading proponent, not only of national missile defenses, but also of U.S. efforts to take control of outer space by developing technology to attack and defend satellites in orbit.

Together, these initiatives could bring a dramatic militarization of space over the next two decades, a prospect that some defense experts have long urged and others have passionately condemned.

"It is inevitable," countered Richard Haass, a National Security Council staff member who heads national security programs at the Brookings Institution.

The system that the Clinton administration was developing to protect the 50 states from ballistic missile attack would have been strictly land-based.

President-elect Bush, on the other hand, has said his administration will strive for a far more ambitious shield, possibly using space-based weaponry. Such weapons do not yet exist, but the United States has been working for years on powerful lasers that might someday be mounted on aircraft or satellites.

Rumsfeld chaired a commission that helped build political support for national missile defense by issuing a 1998 report warning that Iran and North Korea were closer than previously believed to having missiles that could reach the United States.

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King holiday celebrates 15th year

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

Monday, Jan. 15, 2001, marks the nation's 15th observance of the legal holiday honoring slain civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Martin Luther King Jr.

King was born Jan. 15, 1929. Legislation creating the holiday in his honor names the third Monday of January as the day on which it is observed.

Legislators created the holiday in 1985 to serve as a time for Americans to reflect on the principles of racial equality and nonviolent social change espoused by King. King's widow, Coretta Scott King, served as chair of the federal commission planning the first nine-day observance of the holiday the following year.

"For the first time in the history of this great nation, we're honoring a peacemaker, a messenger of nonviolence — a drum major for justice, love and righteousness who was a native son of America," she said. "Where others preached hatred, he taught the principles of love, nonviolence and a patriotic commitment to making democracy work for all Americans."

"Martin's day, therefore, should be a time for peace and nonviolence in all our human relationships and in every aspect of our personal lives ... a day when all of us put aside our differences and join in a spirit of togetherness in recognition of our common humanity."

Born in Atlanta, King skipped the ninth and 12th grades and studied at Morehouse College in Atlanta at age 15. While still an undergraduate student, he was ordained a minister and was elected assistant pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church at age 18.

He received a bachelor's degree in sociology from Morehouse at 19, a bachelor of divinity degree from Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., at 21, and a doctorate in systematic theology from Boston

University at 25. King also studied at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University.

King once described the life of the black American as "sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination." In some cities, blacks were forced to sit in the back of public buses and even had to give up their seats to whites. But in December 1955, a black seamstress took a seat in the front of the bus in Montgomery, Ala., and helped to change the face of the American landscape.

Told to get up so a white person could sit down, Rosa Parks refused, defying the city's segregated transportation ordinance. She was arrested. The incident spurred

King, then the new pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, and other blacks to organize a boycott of the bus company.

The boycott succeeded, gaining widespread public attention and serving as a model for many other similar actions by civil rights activists around the country. The civil rights movement had begun. Within six months, the courts had decreed state and local laws enforcing the segregation of public transportation were unconstitutional.

In the ensuing years, King made equal rights his life's work. Using his own assets and nonviolent tactics, he organized hundreds of boycotts, rallies and marches across the United States, becoming a pivotal civil rights figure. He was often beaten, imprisoned and maligned, but he never stopped.

In 1964, at age 35, King became the youngest man in history and the third black man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Four years later, he went to Memphis, Tenn., to help lead sanitation workers in a protest against low wages and working conditions. He was shot and killed there April 4, 1968, while standing on his motel balcony.

MLK on Kwaj

A luncheon will be held Friday, Jan. 12, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Gilligan's. Sgt. 1st Class Maurice Robinson is the guest speaker. Nate Jackson will be the emcee.



Survey sez:
'We're all in this together'

APIC tops the news in 2000

Do you ...?

- A) Strongly disagree
- B) Disagree somewhat
- C) Neither agree nor disagree
- D) Agree somewhat
- E) Strongly agree

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

Survey says:

We're all in this together.

That one-line mantra was introduced to the community April 21, though work to implement the Army Performance Improvement Criteria started in 1999.

APIC — a holistic philosophy that combines capitalistic shrewdness with Zen-like compassion — has come to symbolize the way USAKA/KMR does business and plans for the future. With a focus on customer service and continual improvement, APIC went from an obscure, abstract concept to a day-to-day reality.

The entire island population was indoctrinated into this new, interesting cult, whose tenets and beliefs are formed by metrics and surveys. Teams were formed to develop strategies on how to best

commander took the helm of USAKA/KMR, the mystery of nine Marines allegedly beheaded at Kwajalein during World War II hit national headlines and National Missile Defense continued its work to develop a missile shield to protect the nation.

Of course, fears about a horrid bug that was going to take a big bite out of the world's computer systems led some to believe that the year 2000 might be the last ...



mander, assured an anxious government and civilian audience back home that all was OK at Kwaj.

"... the lights are on, the toilets flush, our e-mail is on line ..." he said via video teleconference with Colorado Springs, Colo.

Meanwhile, Kwaj and Roi residents ushered in the new year with style, as hundreds packed in front of the Yokwe Yuk Club for the big countdown to 2000. Other residents celebrated in different ways, as some folks greeted the beginning of the third millennium underwater or running around the island.

A time capsule was buried to mark the historic occasion. It's not to be opened until Jan. 1, 2025.

National Missile Defense wasted little time celebrating the new year before conducting IFT-4, the first test to incorporate a number of new elements in the program.

The Jan. 19 test did not produce an intercept, but the debate surrounding NMD stateside only intensified, with Kwajalein also being caught in the media spotlight.

The light grew brighter as the date for IFT-5 neared in July. Maj. Gen. Willie B. Nance Jr., program

National Missile Defense continued to be one of the top stories at USAKA/KMR, with two highly publicized tests occurring in January and July.

January 19 — NMD conducts IFT-4

February 28 — PCS party for Q-19

make changes in the way the range does business, from ferry service to housing.

APIC was simply the top story of 2000 as the command prepared to meet the new millennium.

Not that there was a dearth of news in the previous year. A new

But the atoll didn't turn into a pumpkin at the stroke of midnight Jan. 1.

USAKA/KMR was the first Department of Defense installation to enter the new millennium. Gary K. McMillen, USAKA/KMR com-

executive officer for NMD, personally oversaw the operation. Greenpeace also took personal interest in the intercept test, with two representatives coming ashore on Meck uninited.

Despite the interruption, the EKV was launched, but a glitch in the

booster system caused a second intercept failure for NMD.

The program is still in its infancy, and it appears Washington is not ready to give up on NMD. A new contract with Boeing, the lead system integrator, was inked in December. Additionally, NMD is still generating news ink, as a freelance writer with Harper's Magazine visited Kwaj to do a piece on the program.



ALTAIR performed perfectly in 2000, tracking every National Foreign Launch throughout the year.

Kwajalein showed its dedication to NMD when ground was broken Jan. 17 for a small neighborhood of dome homes for Boeing/LSI employees.

Boasting two bathrooms with tubs, the homes are extremely weather resistant and have about 1,400 square feet of space. The

the way of the gooney bird. Look for further developments this year.

The domes were far from the ceiling when it came to new construction on the island.

Thousands of tons of asphalt started pouring onto the streets early in the year, with prep work starting in January.

Work consisted of not only repaving some roads, but also completely

Meck Island.

Building on its reputation for working well under pressure, the crew at ALTAIR was recognized in January for its flawless tracking of National Foreign Launches in 1999.

It was the third time, and second straight, in its 17-year history that the radar had 100 percent success. Incidentally, the radar was on its way to another perfect performance until it was temporarily shutdown for maintenance work on the bull gear.

The Aviation Department has had its ups and downs this year, as the aging Dash-7 planes proved increasingly unreliable, particularly in Kwajalein's brutally corrosive climate. It wasn't until February that at least one plane was able to return to service.

Helicopters also stayed on the ground more often than planned in 2000. Armywide mandates for the UH-1 grounded the fleet several times during the year.

In June, aviation officials began seeking solutions to the Dash-7 woes. The answer came in the diminutive form of the Raytheon 1900D, which began carrying passengers in October. A speedier, modern aircraft, the 1900D's smaller size anticipates the further modernization of the range.

rebuilding others. At last count, about 30,000 tons of asphalt was used.

The mini-mall area got a new look, as well. A total of \$276,000 was spent to

The resolution to a different sort of problem in supply-side economics took shape in February. Supply began installing Mincom's



March 24 — All aircraft grounded

April 4 — Dining changes announced

caterpillar-shaped homes were opened up for public inspection in September.

The unique houses have been suggested as possible replacements for the island trailers, which Lt. Gen. John Costello, SMDC commanding general, has said must go

landscape and beautify the bustling commercial center of Kwajalein.

Work also continued on the Reef BQ and Roi Power Plant, while a pair of silos were completed on

New homes for NMD personnel began construction in January, with work progressing steadily until September.

Information Management System Open Enterprise, or MIMS OE.

The program, which will replace Gold+ after eight years, went live this week. The software is expected

to unite Supply operations under one banner, like the consolidation of Germany under Otto Van Bismarck in the 19th century.

A different kind of era ended earlier this year when FPQ-19 was finally laid to rest. The 39-year-old radar had been used for everything from tracking the moon landing to watching the celestial traffic jam of satellites orbit the Earth.

Friends of the radar held a PCS party for her Feb. 28.

Heading to the Ivey Gym to fulfill that New Year's Eve resolution to drop 20 pounds? You'll find a modern, well-equipped facility thanks to a \$100,000 upgrade announced in March and mostly completed in July.

About 90 percent of the gym's equipment was replaced. A whole set of free-weight resistance machines was installed, as well as 10 new pieces of aerobic equipment.

On March 28, the *Hourglass* began its year-long coverage of



The Indonesia tall ship *KRI Dewaruci* paid two visits to Kwajalein last year. The aging ship, however, is in need of repairs and may not call upon Kwaj again for quite some time.

Atoll in the Gilbert Islands (now the Republic of Kiribati).

The Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii recovered from Butaritari and eventually identified 19 Marines who had been killed during the Makin Atoll raid.

mystery, CILHI officials could return this year in a bid to repatriate the fallen comrades of the Marine Raiders. In related news, expect to see a plaque dedication ceremony this year in memory of the nine Marines, as well as for those who died here in Operation: Flintlock.

The island's favorite visitors, the Indonesian crew and cadets of the *KRI Dewaruci*, paid a visit at the end of March. The celebration took to the streets, with a spirited parade, replete with dancing walruses, the Indonesian navy mascot.

The ship and its crew returned in September after participating in a July 4th parade of tall ships on the East Coast of the U.S. The mood was somber this time around, however, as residents learned the ship might be on its final voyage.



Remodeling at the Kwajalein Missile Range Command Center began as modernization of the range calls for much of the operation to be run from Kwajalein.

May 1 — Virus attacks USAKA

June 15 — ALCOR debuts modernization

nine Marines allegedly beheaded on Kwajalein during World War II. The identity of the nine Americans remains a mystery, but it's believed they were members of Carlson's Raiders, an elite force of Marines who made an amphibious raid against the Japanese on Makin

As many as 11 other Marines remain missing from the raid. CILHI officials visited Kwaj in September, as evidence points to nine of those Marines having been executed here in 1942.

While the location of the grave site — if there is one — remains a

The aging vessel could be mothballed unless the Indonesian navy can raise \$10 million to refurbish her.

Whether the *Dewaruci* will return to Kwaj again is unknown.

Resident Jeff Rogers is not having any problems with his ship, *Stinger*.



Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr. took command of USAKA/KMR in July, bringing with him his wife, Sheila.

In fact, Rogers and crew Dave Bradley and Mike Turner broke the Honolulu to Kwajalein speed record. They completed the 2,136-mile trek in 13 days and 11½ hours.

A change in dining services on Kwaj turned into something of an ongoing drama beginning in April, when it was announced the Yokwe Yuk Club restaurant would close down and food service would move over to the bar side. Re-named Gilligan's, the new concept, based on successful state-side chains like TGIF, was designed to save money.

back its hours, will continue to offer a small selection of munchies.

No one complained when USAKA command changed the law regarding bike lights May 1. Fretting over a forgotten flashlight was no longer a concern, as carrying a torch became optional in commercial and residential areas of the island.

A light is still needed along the ocean and lagoon perimeter roads, as well as beyond the airport terminal.

Range officials promise a busy schedule beginning in February 2001. That shouldn't be a problem for personnel, who proved their willingness to go the extra mile with back-to-back missions in late May.

That would have made it three in eight days if not for a last-minute cancellation of a Minuteman III launch.

The first mission, FTM-02, called for tracking an Air Force Minuteman III ballistic missile from Vandenberg



Botlang Loeak became the RMI liaison officer in July.

Magic Circus of Samoa, which paid a visit to Ebeye for the first time in 10 years.

Led by the irrepressible ringmaster Tupa'i Bruno, the circus featured a high-wire act, clowns and Samoan dancers.

Despite the colorful distractions offered by the circus, range personnel found time to unveil a little magic of their own — the remoting of ALCOR.

The first radar to be so upgraded as part of the Kwajalein Moderniza-

Oceanic Research Group made history with its filming of the wrecks of Kwajalein Lagoon over the summer.



July 27 — Wrenn takes command

August 19 — Storm pounds island

The experiment, however, disappointed many who missed a more upscale menu and such amenities as tablecloths and a salad bar.

Beginning this week, fine dining reopened with another new menu and a new chef, on a limited basis at the restaurant. The bar, scaling

Air Force Base May 24. Working through the following holiday weekend, range personnel participated in a risk-reduction mission for National Missile Defense.

Hopefully, everyone found the time to take a break and catch the

tion and Remoting project, ALCOR can now be operated from the Kwajalein Missile Range Command Center at Building 1010.

What was only an idea on paper in 1997 became a reality. Eventually all the KREMS radars — MMW, ALTAIR and TRADEX — will share

similar hardware and software. Much of their operation will be moved to Kwajalein, or even to the United States.

It seemed only appropriate that in July the command honored three men who became heroes over Memorial Day weekend when they rescued several people after a boating accident off Carlos Island.

Bob Darrington, Henry Bulele and Jimeal Total acted quickly when they saw a boat carrying 11 people capsize. All three received commander's coins.

Heading beneath the waters of Kwajalein Lagoon were local resident and award-winning cinematographer Tom Krasuski and a film team with Oceanic Research Group. Hoping to document the rusting wrecks of World War II, ORG spent nearly a month underwater and topside.

Members of the film crew are expected back in March for additional filming, as well as to conduct interviews with the families of dead Japanese soldiers.

Around the same time, the population on Kwaj swelled with the arrival of the North Dakota National Guard. The troops built a clinic on Gugeegue. A regular army engineer unit from Alaska arrived in September to build additions to Building 1010 and a new COOMS facility.

Certainly one of the biggest and most visible events

The Marshallese Cultural Center won a grant to restore Joachim deBrum's 2,500 glass plate negatives. deBrum (self-portrait at right) spent about 40 years photographing the Marshallese in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the most comprehensive record of this culture in transition.

A new liaison on behalf of the Republic of the Marshall Islands also arrived at USAKA in July. Botlang Loeak replaced Hiram Malolo, who was appointed to a post at the RMI embassy in Suva, Fiji.

While Malolo would undoubtedly

across the island in the early morning hours of Aug. 19.

Damage on island was at a minimum, but the Marshallese Cultural Center's huts were knocked down. *Iroij* Michael Kabua came to the rescue, rebuilding two of the structures before Manit Day festivities in October.

In September, the Marshallese Cultural Center announced a coup of its own: The non-profit organization had been selected to archive and restore the vast photo collection of Joachim deBrum.

The center received a financial grant from Australia to complete the

The Dash-7 airplanes were replaced by the smaller, faster 1900Ds at the end of 2000.

September 18 — Dome homes open

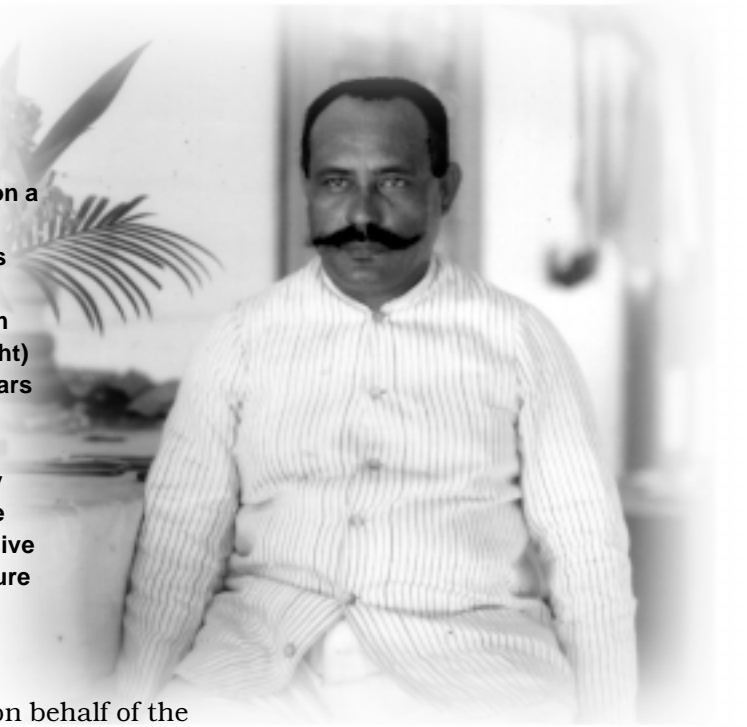
October 5 — Greg Samner dies

on the island occurred July 27, when Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr. took command from Col. Gary K. McMillen. Lt. Gen. John Costello, SMDC commanding general, oversaw the change of command.

find a stormy situation in Fiji, thanks to a coup of the Indian-led government, island residents here faced a more natural foe. A storm packing wind gusts of 67 mph tore

project. The collection consists of 2,500 glass plate negatives, ranging in age from 80 to 120 years, that depict the Marshallese culture in transition.

A different kind of culture premiered in October, when the Skate



Park officially opened to the public.

Skateboarders and rollerbladers, dressed in protective gear from head to toe, have since spent much of their time at the park.

Marshallese employees at USAKA will be spending a lot less time at Kwajalein Hospital. In October, it was announced that medical services to most employees will be phased out. This occurred largely because the contract between Raytheon and USAKA does not provide funding for services to non-grandfathered Marshallese workers.

While final phase-out is not scheduled until July 1 of this year, negotiations are still underway to modify the contract or find a different solution, as medical officials are concerned about a possible public health risk.

Also in October, Greg Samner, American educator in the Marshall Islands for 25 years, passed away from an apparent heart attack Oct. 5.

Fluent in Marshallese language and customs, Samner was dean of College of the Marshall Islands Kwajalein campus. He was given

a funeral befitting an *iroij* or *alap*.

The isolation of Kwajalein was punctuated at the end of October, when 1,500 residential and business phone lines suddenly died thanks to a rupture in the covering of the telephone cable on Lagoon Road.

It took about five days before service was completely restored,



The identity of repatriated Marines, killed in action during a raid in the South Pacific during World War II, was announced late this year. The names of the men might help identify nine Marines who were allegedly beheaded on Kwaj in 1942.

leaving many without telephone and Internet service.

One service might have failed, but a new one joined the island in November when the post office installed its first credit card machine.

That's right: You can now purchase stamps and send packages via plastic. The Finance Office also installed a credit card machine this year, and plastic is also ac-

This holiday season, while festive, ended on a sour note when it was announced that Ebeye had an outbreak of cholera.

Travel to the island for Christmas, which features elaborate musical and dance celebrations by the churches, was restricted. The disease also claimed several lives, but USAKA and RMI officials moved quickly to contain and eradicate



Troops from the North Dakota National Guard and a regular army unit from Alaska helped construct several buildings on Gugeegue and Kwajalein.

cepted at Kwaj Lodge and by the University of Maryland.

Next year, the service is expected to be extended to the island's retail facilities. Expect shortages of Waterford Crystal to follow, especially at Christmastime.

the diarrheal illness.

Despite the dire beginnings of 2001, the prospects appear good for the year ahead at USAKA/KMR, as Vision 2015, the command's long-range plan for Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, builds momentum. Details to follow next week.

November 16 — Earthquake shakes atoll December 23 — Cholera confirmed

Community Calendar

January

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| <p>4th Praise Team, Elem. Music Rm., 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>4th-5th Adult Ed. Registration for Winter B Session</p> <p>6th-7th See separate Chapel listing</p> <p>7th Jr. High Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m., REB</p> <p>8th KMR Open House, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., includes tour of Bldg. 1010, KMR HQ, Range Mission Control Center and <i>The Worthy</i>. Call 55199 for reservations to tour the KMR HQ.</p> <p>9th Adult Ed. Winter B Session begins Genesis Bible study, 7 p.m., TR. 630</p> <p>10th Adult Volleyball Season starts.</p> <p>12th Luncheon in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 11:30 a.m., Gilligan's. Call 58909 for reservations no later than Jan. 11.</p> <p>Ladies Bible study, 9 a.m., REB</p> <p>Praise Team, Elem. Music Rm., 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>13th-14th See separate Chapel listing</p> <p>14th Jr. High Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m., REB</p> <p>Elem. School father/daughter dance, MP Room</p> <p>15th Youth Soccer Jamboree, call 53331 for details.</p> <p>16th No school. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p> <p>Youth Soccer Season starts.</p> <p>Genesis Bible study, 7 p.m., TR. 630</p> <p>17th SAC Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>18th MOPS, 8:45 a.m., REB</p> <p>PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>5th grade concert, 7 p.m.</p> <p>19th End of school second quarter.</p> <p>Ladies Bible study, 9 a.m.,</p> | <p>REB</p> <p>Praise Team, Elem. Music Rm., 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>20th No school. Teacher work day.</p> <p>20th&21st See separate Chapel listing</p> <p>21st KDA Community Dance, 7:30 p.m., MP Room.</p> <p>High School Winter Ball, CAC rooms 6 & 7</p> <p>Jr. High Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m., REB</p> <p>23rd Genesis Bible study, 7 p.m., TR 630</p> <p>24th Protestant Advisory Board, 7 p.m., REB</p> <p>26th Ladies Bible study, 9 a.m., REB</p> <p>Praise Team, Elem. Music Rm., 7:30p.m.</p> <p>28th Jr. High Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m., REB</p> <p>30th Genesis Bible study, 7 p.m., TR 630</p> |
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February

- 2nd Adult Softball Season starts.
- 5th-7th Elementary Science Fair
- 15th Community Band Concert, 7 p.m., MP Room
- 20th No school. President's Day
- 21st SAC meeting, Music Room, 7 p.m.
- 22nd PTO meeting, Music Room, 7 p.m.
- 23rd Student recital, MP Room, 7 p.m.
- 24th Adult Ed. Winter B Session ends.
- 25th KDA Community Dance, 7:30 p.m., MP Room
- 26th Adult Racquetball Tournament, call 53331 for details.
- 27th Adult education registration begins for Spring A Session.
- 28th High School Science Fair

March

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| <p>1st Jr. High Concert, MP Room, 7 p.m.</p> <p>5th Elementary School Spelling Bee</p> <p>6th Adult Ed. Spring A Session begins. Kwajalein Town Hall, 6:30 p.m., MP Room</p> <p>7th Adult Volleyball Season ends. Roi-Namur Town Hall, 6:30 p.m., Tradewinds Theater</p> <p>10th Youth Soccer Season ends</p> <p>15th Inner Tube Water Polo Season starts.</p> <p>16th DoD show "Pro Wrestling" (tentative) Details to follow.</p> | <p>21st SAC meeting. 7 p.m.</p> <p>22nd PTO meeting. 7 p.m.</p> <p>23rd End of school's 3rd Qtr. grading period</p> <p>24th No school. Teacher work day.</p> <p>25th Spring Break Youth Activities start</p> <p>KDA Community Dance, 7:30 p.m., MP Room</p> <p>27th – April 2nd School Spring Break</p> <p>30th Softball Season ends</p> |
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Chapel Activities

Tuesday through Friday services:

4:45 p.m. Catholic Mass, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Saturday services:

4:30 p.m. Catholic confessions, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

5:30 p.m. Catholic Mass, Island Mem. Chapel

Sunday services:

7:15 a.m. Catholic Mass – Blessed Sacrament Chapel

8 a.m. Protestant Service – Island Mem.

Chapel

9:15 a.m. Catholic Mass – Island Mem. Chapel

9:15 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, Religious Ed. Bldg.

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Church of Latter Day Saints, CRC

10:30 a.m. CCD in the Religious Ed. Bldg.

10:45 a.m. Protestant Service – Island Mem. Chapel

11 a.m. Roi-Namur Catholic Mass

6:30 p.m. Roi-Namur Protestant Service

6:30 p.m. Protestant Praise Service, Kwajalein

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, REB

Do you have an item for the Community Calendar? Then call 51098.

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CAFE PACIFIC



Lunch

Sat	Baked stuffed zucchini ★ Arroz con pollo Saimin bar Grill: Jumbo chili dogs
Sun	Brunch station open ★ Fried chicken Salisbury steak
Mon	Brunch station open ★ Spaghetti and meat sauce Italian sausage and peppers
Tues	Spinach turnovers ★ London broil Pork adobo Grill: Barbecued chicken sandwich
Wed	Baked fish supreme ★ Barbecued spare ribs Stromboli with marinara Grill: Ham and Swiss croissant
Thur	Mongolian wok stir-fry ★ Country-fried chicken Apple ginger pork chop Grill: Club sandwich
Fri	Spicy stir-fry with tofu ★ Turkey pot pie Fish and chips Grill: South-of-the-border burger

Dinner

Tonight	Fresh vegetable stir-fry ★ Mexican tamale pie Catch of the day
Sat	Deep-dish vegetable pie ★ Chicken-fried steak with gravy Pizza madness
Sun	Vegetarian lasagna roll ★ Hamburger bar German pot roast
Mon	Fresh vegetable stir-fry ★ Grilled pork chops Calzone with marinara
Tues	Macaroni and cheese ★ Swiss steak ragout Chicken with sauce
Wed	Quiche Lorraine ★ Prime rib and garlic bread Spicy chicken and vegetables
Thur	Vegetable lo mein ★ Beef stew Sizzlin' chicken salad

★This symbol denotes the Wellness Menu.

**The menus at Gilligan's
and the Yokwe Yuk
Dining Room are in
transition.
Executive chef Mark Sevars
promises an innovative
cuisine.
As soon as these menus
are developed, they will be
published in the *Hourglass*.**

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Andrea, 53705.

STOREKEEPER, Ten-Ten. Part time. Will be responsible for clerical and administrative tasks. Must have excellent interpersonal communication skills and available to work weekends and evenings. Computer and supervisory experience preferred.

Raytheon off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.

WANTED

PATIO COVER for old housing. Call 54641.

WORN-OUT Burley or trailer. Call 50163.

KENNEL for cat or small dog. Need before Feb. 15. Call 52512 after 5 p.m.

CONVECTION OVEN. Call 52374.

BIKE TRAILER, old Burley, Pelican or frame, Kwaj-condition perfect. Also need older bike. Call 50158.

PIANO. Call Tamara, 54641.

GOOD A/C WINDOW unit and computer system for word processing. Call Derek, 52280.

HOUSE-SITTING for visiting grandparents Jan. 18-26. Very conscientious. Call Mark or Kristy, 51031.

LOST

DARK BLUE backpack full of light tackle fishing gear between Echo Pier and PBQ Jan. 1.

WATCH, Dec. 23. Call Amy, 51145.

NINTENDO 64 Diddy Kong Racing cartridge on Lagoon Road. Call 54813.

FOUND

ANKLE WEIGHTS near hospital. Call 53750H.

BOOMERANG at Emon Beach. Call 54643.

SERVICES OFFERED

BABY-SITTING. Responsible and experienced 18 year old available almost any time. Multiple children OK. Weekly jobs preferred. References available upon request. For more information, call 52204.

DOG WALKING. Call 52648.

PATIO SALES

SATURDAY, 8 a.m.-noon, TR. 764.

SUNDAY, 7:30-11 a.m., Qtrs. 464-B. Cookbooks, picture frames, jewelry, large duffel bags and much more. Everything is excellent condition and under \$5. It all has to go. No early birds.

FOR SALE

DELL LATITUDE laptop with Intel celeron 300 Mhz processor, 10 GB hard drive, 64 RAM, 56K modem, extra external battery pack, CD/3.25 floppy, Windows and Office

98, PageMaker 5.5, leather carrying case, \$700. Call 54228.

LADIES HUFFY bike, blue, available Jan. 8, \$30; girls 12" pink bike, excellent condition, available Jan. 8, \$30; doormats, \$5 each; four rooms of carpet at various prices; bedrail, \$10; backpack child carrier and stroller in one, \$75; Burley, available Jan. 8, \$80. Call 52496.

SONY FIVE-CD player, \$95; boys bikes, Kwaj-condition, one without seat, \$10-\$20; ivory sculptured 12' x 15' carpet, like new, \$50; silver and gray 6' x 9' carpet, \$15; Maytag portable dishwasher, one year old, \$450; kids adjustable rollerblades, size 13-2, \$10; seafoam green and white scarf curtains/sheers, \$375; cream mini-blinds: 27½" x 68", 27½" x 52", 28¼"x72", \$10 each. Call 54643.

MOUNTAIN BIKE: Mens Huffy Zeta with front suspension fork, brand new condition, with accessories, \$150; Playstation 2 video games, \$50 each; Playstation 2 vertical stand, \$25; Playstation 2 horizontal stand, \$15; Playstation 2 memory card, 8 MB, \$30. Amana Radar Range convection/microwave, like new, \$275 firm. Call 54827.

BURGUNDY CARPET, 12' x 15', \$40; blinds for 400 series two-bedroom housing, white and hunter green, various prices. Call 52280.

BURGUNDY AND HUNTER aluminum blinds for 400 series housing \$10; Burgundy and hunter green carpets, \$15-\$25; Pennsylvania House living room set (sofa, chair, brass and glass coffee and end tables), \$800; regulator, \$100; new dive lights and wetsuits, one-half off; many small appliances and household items. Call Michelle, 52860.

BANJO with instruction book and CD-ROM, \$90; "Far Side" spiral-bound 2001 desk calendar, \$10. Call 54321 or 54879.

TOASTMASTER toaster oven/broiler with automatic breadmaker, \$125 or best offer; Conair Hot Sticks travel curlers and Clairol Lock 'n Roll curlers, \$15 each or best offer. Call 57142W or 54337H.

TWO very large potted banana plants (four plants per pot), one with fruit, \$30. Call 52682 after 5 p.m. or leave a message.

PCS SALE. Microwave, \$125; dehumidifier, \$125; VCR, \$100; bike, \$80; burley, \$100; scuba gear, \$750; Sony boombox, \$50; ceramic supplies and carrying case, \$40; fan, \$20; vacuum, \$60; various rugs, \$5-\$20; all prices negotiable. Call Sandy, 53159.

LASER CHALLENGE Radar Extreme, \$25; Britney Spears fashion doll, \$10 (both unopened in original box); two boys bikes: 24" Gary Fisher, 20" aluminum frame, used but not Kwaj-condition, \$50 each. Call 52115.

ROCKER/RECLINER, \$200; large book shelves, \$50; wicker trunk set, \$25; computer desk, \$70; kids climbing fort, \$75; Hot Wheels car mountain, \$10; assorted

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Small Arms Range Notice

The small arms range will be in operation tomorrow, 3-6 p.m. Avoid the hazard area shown below. Questions? Call Jim Warnke, 54452.



dive gear: knives, snorkels, bags and more, make an offer. Call 51618 or 54747.

BOYS BIKE, Kwaj-condition, \$20. Call 52349.

KENNEL, FAA-approved, fits medium-size dog, \$65. Call 52512 after 5 p.m.

PATIO TARP, 16' x 20', boxed, never used, \$60; two white mini-blinds, 32" x 64", \$5 each. Call 52648.

BABY SWING, \$10; diaper Genie with two refills, \$8; car seat, \$5; baby carrier, \$10; bouncing chair, \$8; Graco travel stroller, \$30; all in good condition. Call Karla, 53731.

PCS SALE. Microwave, \$80; mens mountain bike, \$75; womens bike, \$20; Cannondale bike trailer, \$75; Food Saver vacuum system, \$40; vacuum cleaner, \$60; ironing board, \$15. Call 53887.

PORTABLE GE dishwasher, brand new, \$425. Call 50163.

WHIRLPOOL DISHWASHER, black with cutting board top, two years old, \$200 firm; propane grill with cover, two years old, good condition, \$50; freestanding mesh patio cover, \$40; 40 plants, different sizes, small to very large, \$200 takes all or will sell separately. See at Tr. 729 or call 52512 after 5 p.m.

MENS ROLLERBLADES, size 10, good condition, \$50; womens rollerblades, size 7, \$40; knee pads, elbow pads and wrist guards, all for \$20. Call 52842.

27" QUASAR TV with Sony four-head VCR with audio and SV jacks, both in excellent condition, both six months old, \$350 for complete set. See at Tropics 301.

PCS SALE. Entertainment center, \$125; computer desk, \$80; 27" color TV, \$250; five-disc CD changer/laserdisk player with AC3, \$200; DVD player, \$225; VCR, \$80; 5 x 100-watt amplifier with Dolby digital AC-3 decoder, \$650; Cambridge Soundworks powered subwoofer, \$450. Call 53887.

PRICE REDUCED. 23' Bayliner with Chevy

University of Maryland

is pleased to announce the following courses for Term III:

MATH 100	Transitional Mathematics	White	W/F
MATH 101	Concepts of Modern Algebra	White	W/F
(Students must take a placement test to determine which class fits their needs. Only one class will be offered. Decision will be based on test scores.)			
GNSC 110	Introduction to Oceanography	White	TBA

Registration will be Tuesday, Jan. 9, through Saturday, Jan. 20. Classes start Jan. 22.

Note: University of Maryland now accepts credit cards.

350 Volvo outdrive, new heads, exhaust manifolds, water pump, carburetor, 1998 Evinrude four-stroke 15hp kicker, GPS/fishfinder, radios, boathouses, trailer and extras, \$16,000. Any reasonable offer considered. Call Mike, 56298H or 56599W.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

DURING THE MONTHLY supply barge operation Thursday, Jan. 11, all personnel are asked to remain outside the barricaded one-block area around the supply warehouse complex. This area is bounded by Marine Road, Poinsettia Street, and 6th and 8th streets. This request is in the interest of everyone's safety. Questions? Call Shipping and Receiving, 52180.

THERE WILL be a KMR open house Monday. Tours will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Bus transportation available. Reservations required. Call 55199.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S Fellowship will meet Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m., at Qtrs. 106-A. We will discuss hosting the Majuro ladies for a retreat Feb. 3-7. Pat Savage's famous

desserts will be served. All ladies welcome.

KWAJALEIN SWIM Team is looking for a coach for swimmers age 12 and over. It is a paying position. For more information, call Ann, 52293, or Denise, 52304.

ATTENTION QUILTERS. Kwaj Kwilter's island quilt show will be Feb. 19, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Feb. 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Deadline for registration forms is Jan. 23. Additional forms are at the library. Questions? Call Brenda, 54364.

KAISC will hold its annual membership drive Jan. 11, 7 p.m., at the Pacific Club. Join us to welcome the new members and our new executive committee. This meeting will provide all lock box key holders an opportunity to sign the RRILA. Refreshments will be provided.

KWAJ KWILTERS present a watercolor quilt demonstration Jan. 23, 7 p.m., in CRC Room 7. Quilt show registrations are due. Questions? Call Brenda, 54364.

RACQUETBALL courts will be closed until

Women's Basketball

Preseason pickup basketball games for women and high school girls will start Sunday, 4 p.m., in CRC Gym. Get ready for the season. Questions? Call Dana, 52701.

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Bowling leagues are starting back up after the busy holiday season.

The Sunday Night Mixed League will start on Sunday.

The Tuesday Night League will start Jan. 11.

Questions? Call Elena, 56987.



further notice. Work is in progress to alleviate the wooden floor problem. Questions? Call Cassie, 52491.

MEN'S PRAYER breakfast will be Monday, 7 a.m., in the Religious Education Building. Newcomers always welcome.

WOULD THE person from GBR-P who purchased the landscape lamps in August or September, call 53279.

DO YOU want to quit smoking? Contact your physician, Dr. Theo Riley or the Kwajalein Hospital pharmacy for more information.

ATTENTION BOATERS. Are you a licensed B-boat captain or just someone who loves the water? Get your name on the Small Boat Marina's buddy list. This will help you find a crew or captain to plan an outing on the waters around Kwajalein. If you have ever wanted to just get out there, but couldn't find anyone to go with, this is your chance. The list will provide names, interests, and contact information for people just like you.

AS OF TODAY, the weekday B-boat rental rate will be only \$5 per hour for boats



A bag lunch will be provided by Yokwe Yuk Women's Club

The Marshallese Cultural Society would like to extend an invitation to all Marshallese workers on Kwajalein to come tour the Marshallese Cultural Center during the lunch hour Friday, Jan. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

checked out before 4 p.m. Also brand spankin' new is our Frequent User Card, which will get you a free half-day weekday rental with every six weekday rentals. Stop by the Small Boat Marina to get yours.

PRESCRIPTION and safety glasses have arrived. To arrange for pick-up, call 52225.

A JAZZ IMPROMPTU by Andrea Lindborg and local musicians will be tomorrow, 7:30 p.m., in CRC Room 6.

SORTING TO make room for new gifts? Donations for Christian Women's Fellowship Silent Auction can be left at Qtrs. 126-E. Questions? Call June, 53481.

SCUBA CLUB meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m., in CAC Room 7. There will be a vote on a constitutional change. Sign-ups will be taken for the Jan. 15 two-tank dive trip to oceanside Legan. Dive supervisory council meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the general meeting. Questions? Call Ivy, 54814.

IN EARLY February, the USAKA/KMR Legal Office will sponsor three days of training for tax preparation volunteers. We are looking for people who have had some experience with taxes. If you have a desire to learn more about taxes and are willing to spend some time each week helping other members of the community prepare their tax returns, call the Legal Office, 51462.

ORTHODONTIST will be on island Jan. 9-10. To make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic, 52165, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

KWAJALEIN Family History Center has two new microfilms: History of Salem, Mass. (lots of names and dates), and civil registration of Salem, 1630-1850. For an appointment, call 53140.

KGA will hold its meeting tonight, 7 p.m., in CAC Room 7. New officers will be elected and dues can be paid. Pizza and beverages will be provided.



For more information, call Lloyd Jordan, 54831W or 52835H

**Classified ad deadlines
Tuesday issue: noon Friday
Friday issue: noon Wednesday**

See you at the movies!

Saturday

Alaska (PG, 1996)

Widower Jake Barnes moves with his daughter and son to a fishing village in Alaska, where he earns his keep as a bush pilot by ferrying supplies to remote locations. She loves the state, but the boy can't stand it. The kids team up, however, to find their dad when his plane goes down in the Alaskan wilderness. (Dirk Benedict, Charlton Heston) (110 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Original Kings of Comedy (New Release, R)

In 1997, four of America's leading African-American stand-up comedians joined forces for a concert tour that became one of the top attractions in recent years. The movie captures the tour's rough and raunchy humor on film. Spike Lee served as director. (Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley, Bernie Mac and Cedric The Entertainer) (115 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

The Cider House Rules (New Release, PG-13)

Set during World War II, the story follows orphan Homer Wells and his struggle to deal with the moral issues that face him. Under the tutelage of the orphanage's doctor, Homer helps care for the children and babies of unwed mothers but refuses to assist the doctor perform illegal abortions. Eventually, he leaves with a young couple and settles at their apple orchard and cider mill. The young man heads off to war, leaving Homer alone with the soldier's girlfriend, with whom he falls in love. Further complications arise in this adaption of John Irving's well-known novel. (131 minutes)

Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Sunday

The Cider House Rules (New Release, PG-13)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Original Kings of Comedy (New Release, PG-13)

Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Monday

Alaska (PG, 1996)

Richardson Theater 7:30 p.m.

The Original Kings of Comedy (New Release, PG-13)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Rudy Gil, USAKA/KMR safety officer, notes details of the head-on collision last Friday between a minivan and a utility pickup in front of building 1075. The minivan driver was sent to the hospital for observation, and later released.

Police investigate head-on collision

By KW Hillis

Feature Writer

A moment's distraction — a grab for a piece of paper sliding off the front seat — ended with a head-on collision last Friday, according to Philip "Smitty" Smith, Automotive Services Operations superintendent.

A Dodge minivan, driven by Jeffrey A. Lajhan, collided head-on with a white Ford utility pickup truck, driven by Atmar L. Bosin, about 2 p.m. in front of Building 1075, said Derrick Lemmie, Kwajalein Police Operations lieutenant.

Neither driver was seriously hurt,

although Lajhan was taken to the hospital when he complained of aches and pain.

"This is a good example of why we insist on wearing seatbelts," Smith said, adding that the minivan was totaled and the truck was severely damaged. "[Utilities] got the new truck just over a month ago."

The airbag on the new truck didn't deploy, while the older minivan's airbag did. That will be investigated, said Rudy Gil, USAKA/KMR safety officer.

"The accident is still under investigation," Police Chief Bruce Bell said. "Charges are pending."

WEATHER

Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Winds: Northeast to east-northeast at 13 to 18 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny and windy with isolated showers.

Winds: Northeast to east-northeast at 18 to 24 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Temperature: Tonight's low 79°
Tomorrow's high 86°

January rain total: 0.19"

Annual rain total: 0.19"

Annual deviation: -0.25"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.

Forecasts available online: www.kmr-wx.com



Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday January 6	0706/1844	1512/0303	0112, 3.8' 1351, 4.7'	0717, 1.5' 2019, 1.4'
Sunday January 7	0706/1845	1605/0359	0214, 4.0' 1439, 5.2'	0810, 1.1' 2108, 0.9'
Monday January 8	0706/1845	1703/0459	0304, 4.3' 1523, 5.7'	0857, 0.8' 2152, 0.5'
Tuesday January 9	0707/1846	1806/0603	0349, 4.6' 1605, 6.0'	0940, 0.6' 2234, 0.2'